The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine

A Service in Memory of Florence Nightingale and the Nurses who have Died in Service

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The Sunday after Ascension Day

May 13, 1945

at 8:15 p.m.

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Order of Service

HYMN *St. Gertrude*

1 Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!
Christ, the royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward, into battle,
See, his banners go.

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!

2 Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one Body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!

3 Onward, then, ye people!
Join our happy throng!
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song!
Glory, laud, and honour,
Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing.

Opening Sentences and Versicles

Psalm 46 — *Deus noster refugium* — *Anglican Chant*

GOD is our hope and strength, * a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell, * and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; * the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; * God shall help her, and that right early.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; * but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, * what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world; * he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God: * I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end.
Amen.

The Lesson

Nunc dimittis in E — *Parker*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, * according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen * thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared * before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, * and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end.
Amen.

The Creed and Collects

AFTER THE THIRD COLLECT, ANTHEM *Franck*

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father, thee would we be praising always. Help us to know thee and love thee; Father, grant us thy truth and grace; Father, guide and defend us.

Rule thou our wilful hearts, keep thou our wandering thoughts; in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in thee; and in temptation's hour, save through thy mighty power; thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy. Show us thy favour, so shall we live and sing praise to thee.

PRAYERS

Let us pray for all absent nurses.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be ministered unto, but to minister; We beseech thee to bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of mankind. Endue them with wisdom, patience, and courage to strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall; that, being inspired by thy love, they may worthily minister in thy Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the sake of him who laid down his life for us, the same thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us pray for the sick and dying.

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; Save them and help them, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. *Amen.*

Let us pray for all to whom we have ministered.

REMEMBER them, Lord, for good, and grant that they may ever remain in thy watchful care. To those whom thou hast healed, give grateful hearts. To those who still are suffering give patience and relief. To those whom thou hast been pleased to take out of this world in thy faith and fear grant eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them. All these things we ask for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE PRAYER OF THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS

(TO BE SAID BY ALL PRESENT)

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst thy holy Apostle Barnabas to follow the steps of thy blessed Son in ministering to the sick and suffering; Grant to us the same spirit of consolation, that by gentleness and love, in faithfulness and patience, we may serve thy afflicted children. Support us in our work; endue us with wisdom and skill; give us sympathy for one another; deliver us in temptation, and at last bring us to thy rest and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn

Sarum

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia.

2 Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might:
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light. Alleluia.

3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the Victor's crown of gold. Alleluia.

4 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia. Amen.

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Hymn

National Hymn

1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendour through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defence;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine. Amen.

Closing Prayers and Blessing

The Sounding of "Taps"

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This Nurses' Service was originally instituted by St. Barnabas' Guild for Nurses on May 17th, 1926. It is now held under the auspices of the New York League of Nursing Education, and the New York County Registered Nurses' Association.